

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 407

By Haile

A RESOLUTION to recognize Joseph and Joshua Rodriguez on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men and women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Scout can attain in the Boy Scouts of America Scouts BSA program is that of Eagle Scout, and Joseph and Joshua Rodriguez of Hendersonville, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, will join the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor on April 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, currently in their senior year at Merrol Hyde Magnet School (MHMS), the Rodriguez brothers' notable record of achievement as members of Boy Scout Troop 75 includes numerous merit badges and distinguished service as leaders among their peers, with Joshua serving as Senior Patrol Leader and Joseph serving as Assistant Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, Joseph and Joshua's work with their troop includes participation in various fundraising and cleanup efforts, and during the COVID-19 pandemic, they made face shields for frontline workers, donating the shields to the Tennessee Department of Health's Sumner Clinic; and

WHEREAS, their Eagle projects greatly contributed to the betterment of their community and reflected the true spirit of volunteerism; Joseph's project entailed building two outdoor libraries at MHMS, while Joshua's project involved building cubicles for and cleaning and painting the grade-school girls' locker room at MHMS; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their contributions and successes as scouts, Joseph and Joshua Rodriguez serve as presidents of the Government Club and pillar captains for the Student Council; they dance competitively in hip hop and contemporary categories for the WRK. PLC., with which they have won national dance titles; and

WHEREAS, they are also members of their school's tennis team, which has won back-to-back district and regional championships; as a doubles team, the brothers have represented MHMS in the quarter finals in 2018 and the semi-finals in 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Joseph and Joshua Rodriguez as two of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joseph and Joshua Rodriguez on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout and extend to these exceptional brothers our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.